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TAGS: CDES, NA (NICHOLS, ROBERT JOSEPH)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF R.J. NICHOLS

REFERENCE: STATE 053503

1. INSTANCE CONGRESSMAN OTIS PIKE

2. ROBERT JOSEPH NICHOLS DIED IN ARUBA MARCH 2, 1975  
BUT BODY NOT DISCOVERED UNTIL MARCH 4, 1975 IN STATE OF  
PUTREFACTION. NICHOLS WIFE, MRS. CONNIE NICHOLS, 5505  
WOODSIDE AVENUE, QUEENS, N.Y. 11377, TEL: (212) HA60008  
WAS CONTACTED BY HIS FRIENDS IN ARUBA, WHERE HE HAD  
LIVED FOR SEVERAL YEARS, AND SHE APPROVED OF LOCAL BURIAL.  
HE HAS EXPRESSED WISH TO FRIENDS AND EX-EMPLOYER IN ARUBA  
THAT IN EVENT OF HIS DEATH HE BE BURIED IN ARUBA.

3. CONGEN HAS NOT YET RECEIVED OFFICIAL DEATH CERTIFICATE  
OR DOCTOR'S STATEMENT RE CAUSE OF DEATH BUT IT HAS BEEN  
UNOFFICIALLY STATED TO HAVE BEEN AN ACCPDENTAL OVERDOSE  
OF TRANQUILIZERS, SLEEPING PILLS AND ALCOHOL.

4. NICHOLS HAD BEEN UNEMPLOYED FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS BUT  
HIS EX-EMPLOYER KING INTERNATIONAL CASINO, HOLIDAY INN,  
ARUBA, WHERE HE HAD BEEN A MUSICIAN, PAID ALL FUNERAL  
EXPENSES AND SOME OTHER DEBTS HE OWED IN ARUBA.

5. FUNERAL SERVICE WAS CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH BY A ROMAN  
CATHOLIC PRIEST ATTENDED BY ABOUT 30 FELLOW MUSICIANS WHO  
PLAYED FOR THE SERVICE AND DONATED MONEY TO PURCHASE A  
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6. DISINTERMENT UNDER NA LAW CAN TAKE PLACE ONLY AFTER THE BODY HAS BEEN BURIED THREE YEARS AND REQUIRES THE PERMISSION OF THE LT. GOVERNOR. EXEMPTION FROM THIS THREE YEAR REQUIREMENT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. LOCAL LAW DOES NOT REQUIRE EMBALMING AND IT WAS NOT DONE IN THIS CASE.

7. PASSPORT A903384 ISSUED MAY 22, 1970 AT NEW YORK, SOC SEC 022-14-6863. FS-192 WILL FOLLOW ASAP. LOFTON

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